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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ROK RECOGNITION OF MPLA

1. AS RESULT APPRACH TO KALONJI, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FONAFF, ROK CHARGE CHU WAS TOLD GOZ WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ANY FRIENDLY COUNTRY EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO MPLA AS LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. WHEN ASKED ABOUT GOZ'S POSITION ON MATTER, KALONJI TOLD CHU THAT GOZAMPLA STATEMENT CONSTITUED DE FACTO BUT NOT DE JURE ZAIRIAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA.

2. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR ROK CONTEMPLATING EVENTUAL RECOGNITION OF MPLA. WITHIN LAST WEEK ROK CHARGE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE EFFECT SUCH A MOVE WOULD HAVE ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS ON GOZ'S NEUTRAL POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY VALID CONCERN IN LIGHT OF COOLNESS WHICH DEVELOPED IN ZAIRE'S RELATIONS WITH DPKR OVER SAME ISSUE. KALONJI RE-ASSURENCES, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY CAME FROM ABOVE, SHOULD ALLAY THESE FEARS.
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